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10. COMPOSITION OF THE SECRETARIAT--
THE US STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF A UNIFIED SECRETARIAT AND SUBMITTED LANGUAGE TO THIS EFFECT, NOTING THAT THE SECRETARIAT SHOULD BE COMPOSED OF A SECGEN AND APPROPRIATE MEMBERS OF THE BRANCH AND ADDITIONAL ADEQUATE STAFF.

11. DISCUSSIONS OF THE COMPOSITION OF THE SECRETARIAT LED TO QUESTIONS BY THE DELEGATE OF IRAN WITH RESPECT TO WHETHER THE SECRETARIAT WOULD BE LOCATED IN NEW YORK OR
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VIENNA, BECAUSE FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS PROVIDED ESTIMATES

FOR BOTH CITIES.

12. BOURBONNIERE, UN SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL, DEALING WITH THE TRANSFER TO VIENNA, INSISTED THAT THE SECRETARIAT FOR THE 1980 CONFERENCE HAD NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO BE LOCATED IN VIENNA, IN VIEW OF THE IMPENDING MOVE OF THE SECRETARIAT.

HOWEVER, THIS VIEW WAS NOT SHARED BY DELEGATIONS PRESENT AT THE PREPCOM. THE DELEGATION OF IRAN PRESENTED A LENGTHY ARGUMENT STATING THAT THE SECRETARIAT FOR THE CONFERENCE WAS A NEW BODY WHICH WAS NOT NECESSARILY INCLUDED IN THE AGREEMENT FOR THE MOVE TO VIENNA AND THAT THE CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT REQUIRED CLOSE COORDINATION WITH OTHER SECTORS OF THE UN LOCATED IN NEW YORK. THIS VIEW WAS SUBSEQUENTLY SUPPORTED BY THE MAJORITY OF OTHER DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING THE US, UK, JAPAN, NORWAY AND ALL OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRY DELEGATES. THE DELEGATE OF NIGER WAS PARTICULARLY ADAMANT AND SENEGAL WENT SO FAR AS TO SAY THAT THE MOVE OF THE CENTER ITSELF SHOULD BE POSTPONED.

13. REGIONAL AND SECTORAL MEETINGS--
THE US DELEGATION STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE IT ATTACHED TO THE CONVENING OF REGIONAL MEETINGS PRIOR TO THE 1980 CONFERENCE IN ORDER TO ENSURE PARTICIPATION AT THE LOCAL LEVEL AND TO MAKE AN EFFECTIVE CONTRIBUTION TO THE WORLD CONFERENCE. ESCAP STRESSED THE NEED FOR BOTH STAFF AND BUDGETARY RESOURCES IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT THESE MEETINGS. THE SECRETARIAT MENTIONED SECTORAL MEETINGS IN WHICH THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES WOULD PARTICIPATE. THE UNESCO DELEGATE STRESSED THE NEED FOR FURTHER FUNDING FROM THE UN REGULAR BUDGET IN ORDER TO CONVENE THE INTERNATIONAL MULTISECTORAL SEMINAR ON THE ROLE OF MASS MEDIA AND THE POSITION OF WOMEN, WHICH IT WAS ORGANIZING JOINTLY WITH THE CENTRE FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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MARCH 1979.

14. UNIDO MENTIONED THE MEETING IT WAS PLANNING FOR NOVEMBER 1978 ON THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN INDUSTRIALIZATION IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THERE WAS NO OPPOSITION TO THE HOLDING OF REGIONAL MEETINGS, ALTHOUGH THE USSR EXPRESSED ITS OPPOSITION TO ANY FINANCING FROM THE REGULAR BUDGET.

15. THE US DELEGATION MADE CLEAR ITS SUPPORT FOR ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE 1980 WORLD CONFERENCE AND REGIONAL MEETINGS IN NO WAY IMPLIED APPROVAL OF THE SPECIFIC FINANCIAL ESTIMATES PRESENTED BY THE SECRETARIAT.

16. DOCUMENTATION--

DISCUSSION OF THE PREPARATION OF NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION FOR THE WORLD CONFERENCE ELICITED THE USUAL EAST/WEST DEBATE ON THE USE OF EXPERTS AND CONSULTANTS. THE USSR DELEGATE QUESTIONED THE COMPETENCE OF EXPERTS TO DEAL WITH

THE PREPARATION OF DOCUMENTATION WHICH SHE FELT SHOULD BE LEFT TO NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS. WESTERN AND OTHER DELEGATES PUSHED FOR THE USE OF CONSULTANTS TO ENSURE THAT DOCUMENTATION WILL BE AVAILABLE WELL IN ADVANCE OF THE CONFERENCE, AS WELL AS ENSURING THE COORDINATION OF REGIONAL AND SECTORAL DOCUMENTS. THE COMMITTEE FELT THAT SUCH REPORTS SHOULD BE ANALYTICAL, PRECISE AND ACTION-ORIENTED COVERING THE THREE OBJECTIVES OF THE UN DECADE WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON THE SUB-THEMES.

17. PUBLICITY--

THE PREPCOM DID NOT HAVE TIME TO CONSIDER THE SUBJECT OF PUBLICITY, BUT DECIDED THAT THE SECRETARIAT SHOULD PREPARE A DETAILED PROGRAM OF INFORMATION ACTIVITIES TO BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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CONSIDERED BY THE ECOSOC AT THE RESUMED PART OF ITS SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 1978.

18. PRECISE DATE FOR 1980 CONFERENCE--

THE IRANIAN DELEGATE IN DISCUSSING THE TIME SCHEDULE FOR DOCUMENTATION MENTIONED THE POSSIBILITY OF CHANGING THE CONFERENCE DATE FROM MAY 1980 TO MARCH 1980 AS THE MOST SUITABLE TIME OF THE YEAR IN TEHERAN. SOME DELEGATES EXPRESSED A PREFERENCE FOR A LATER DATE, BUT NO FINAL DISCUSSION WAS AGREED UPON.

19. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED SECTION OF RES. A/CONF.94/PC/L.16

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20. RECOMMENDS TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL THE ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING DRAFT RESOLUTION:

21. THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL, HAVING CONSIDERED THE REPORT OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE ON ITS FIRST SESSION (A/CONF.94/),

22. RECOMMENDS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THE ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING DRAFT RESOLUTION:

23. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING ITS RESOLUTION 3520 (XXX), ON THE CONVENING OF

THE WORLD CONFERENCE.

RECALLING ALSO ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2062
(LXII) OF 12 MAY 1977, BY WHICH IT WAS DECIDED TO ESTABLISH

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THE SUBSTANTIVE AND ORGANIZATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE
WORLD CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE FOR WOMEN,
1980,

RECALLING ALL RELEVANT UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS AND
DECISIONS ON SUBSTANTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASPECTS OF THE
PREPARATORY WORK FOR THE CONFERENCE,

24. DECIDES THAT THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE CONFERENCE
SHOULD BE AS FOLLOWS:

1. OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE
2. ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE
BUREAU OF THE CONFERENCE
3. ADOPTION OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE
4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
5. ESTABLISHMENT OF MAIN COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATION
OF WORK
6. CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE CONFERENCE
 - (A) APPOINTMENT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE
 - (B) REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE
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 - (B) SPECIAL MEASURES FOR ASSISTANCE TO WOMEN IN
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8. REVIEW AND EVALUATION OF THE PROGRESS MADE AND
OBSTACLES ENCOUNTERED IN ATTAINING THE OBJECTIVES OF THE
DECADE FOR WOMEN: EQUALITY, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE AT

NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS, FROM 1975 TO 1980, IN KEEPING WITH THE WORLD PLAN OF ACTION.

(A) REVIEW AND EVALUATION OF PROGRESS MADE AND OBSTACLES ENCOUNTERED AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL IN ATTAINING THE MINIMUM OBJECTIVES SET FORTH IN PARAGRAPH 46 OF THE WORLD PLAN OF ACTION.

(B) REVIEW AND EVALUATION OF REGIONAL AND GLOBAL PROGRAMMES OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM OF ORGANIZATIONS AIMED AT

AT PROMOTING THE OBJECTIVES OF THE DECADE.

9. PROGRAMME FOR THE SECOND HALF OF THE DECADE FOR WOMEN: EQUALITY, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE WITH THE AIM OF IMPLEMENTING THE WORLD PLAN OF ACTION (1981-1985)

(A) NATIONAL STRATEGIES FOR WOMEN'S INTEGRATION IN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON THE SUB-THEME EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION AND HEALTH.

(I) PLANNING AND MONITORING
(II) NATIONAL MACHINERIES

10. REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL TARGETS AND STRATEGIES, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE SUB-THEME EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION AND HEALTH.

10. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE

24. DECIDES THAT THE ORGANIZATION OF WORK SHOULD BE AS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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FOLLOWS:

(A) THIRTEEN WORKING DAYS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THE CONFERENCE

(B) APART FROM THE PLENARY, THERE WILL BE TWO MAIN COMMITTEES WITH INTERPRETATIONS IN 6 LANGUAGES

(C) THE GENERAL DEBATE, WHICH WILL BE HELD IN PLENARY, WILL BE LIMITED TO 15 MINUTES PER SPEAKER

(D) THE NUMBER OF WORKING GROUPS REQUIRED WILL BE DECIDED UPON BY THE CONFERENCE, WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT ONE WORKING GROUP WILL HAVE INTERPRETATION.

25. WITH RESPECT TO DOCUMENTATION:

(A) REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO ENSURE THAT THE DOCUMENTATION FOR THE CONFERENCE WILL BE MADE

AVAILABLE AND DISTRIBUTED SIX WEEKS' IN ADVANCE OF THE
CONVENING OF THE CONFERENCE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH UNITED
NATIONS PRACTICE;

(B) AUTHORIZES THE SECRETARY-GENERAL IN PREPARING THE
SUBSTANTIVE DOCUMENTATION FOR THE CONFERENCE, TO MAKE USE
AS NECESSARY OF THE EXPERTISE OF CONSULTANTS;

(C) RECOMMENDS TO THE EXECUTIVE HEADS OF THE SPECIALIZED

AGENCIES CONCERNED, AND OTHER RELEVANT PARTS OF THE UNITED
NATIONS SYSTEM TO PREPARE IN A CO-ORDINATED MANNER
REPORTS EVALUATING PROGRESS IN SUBSTANTIVE AREAS OF THE
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(D) REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO ENSURE THAT DUE
ACCOUNT IS TAKEN OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE
RATIONALIZATION OF METHODS IN THE PREPARATION OF THE
QUESTIONNAIRE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WORLD PLAN OF
ACTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH ECOSOC RESOLUTION 2060 (LXII)
AND OF THE FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS EMANATING FROM ALL
PREPARATORY WORK FOR THE CONFERENCE;

(E) REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO ENSURE THAT THE
CONFERENCE WILL HAVE AT ITS DISPOSAL THE DOCUMENTATION
REFERRED TO IN DOCUMENT E/CN.6/610 AS WELL AS IN THE
RELEVANT UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS;

26. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO INVITE:
(A) ALL STATES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONFERENCE;

(B) REPRESENTATIVES OF ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE RECEIVED
A STANDING INVITATION FROM THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO
PARTICIPATE IN THE SESSIONS AND THE WORK OF ALL INTER-
NATIONAL CONFERENCES CONVENED UNDER ITS AUSPICES IN THE
CAPACITY OF OBSERVERS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ASSEMBLY
RESOLUTION 3237 (XXIX) OF 22 NOVEMBER 1974;

(C) REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS
RECOGNIZED BY THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY IN THE
CAPACITY OF OBSERVERS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
RESOLUTION 3280 (XXIX);

(D) THE UNITED NATIONS COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA TO PARTICIPATE
IN THE CONFERENCE IN ITS CAPACITY AS THE ADMINISTERING
AUTHORITY FOR NAMIBIA;

(E) THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC
ENERGY AGENCY, AS WELL AS INTERESTED ORGANIZATIONS OF THE

UNITED NATIONS, TO BE REPRESENTED AT THE CONFERENCE;

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(F) INTERESTED INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS TO BE REPRESENTED BY OBSERVERS;

(G) INTERESTED NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN CONSULTATIVE STATUS WITH THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL TO BE REPRESENTED BY OBSERVERS WHO WOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO

SUBMIT WRITTEN STATEMENTS. THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE CONFERENCE AFTER DUE CONSIDERATION WITH NGO'S CONCERNED WILL PROVIDE A LIST OF THE NGO'S WHICH MAY ADDRESS THE CONFERENCE ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE NUMBER WILL BE LIMITED.

27. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO APPOINT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE A SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR THE WORLD CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE FOR WOMEN AT THE LEVEL OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY-GENERAL, THE SECRETARY-GENERAL SHOULD COME FROM OUTSIDE THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM AND BE FROM A DEVELOPING COUNTRY;

28. THE SECRETARY GENERAL WHICH WILL BE LOCATED IN NEW YORK, SHALL BE COMPOSED OF A FULL TIME SECRETARY GENERAL AS WELL AS APPROPRIATE MEMBERS OF THE BRANCH FOR EQUALITY FOR WOMEN OF THE CENTRE FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS AND NECESSARY ADDITIONAL STAFF FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE CONFERENCE. THE SECRETARIAT WILL WORK IN CLOSE COOPERATION WITH THE CENTRE AS A WHOLE, WHICH IS THE FOCAL POINT FOR THE ACTIVITIES OF THE DECADE FOR WOMEN.

29. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO INVITE THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS TO CONVENE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE IN 1979 PREPARATORY MEETINGS AND SEMINARS IN SUPPORT OF THE AIMS

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30. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO INVITE THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND OTHER RELEVANT PARTS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN THE PREPARATION OF THE REGIONAL MEETINGS; AND CONVENE SECTORAL MEETINGS AS APPROPRIATE.

31. INVITES THE REGIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE REGIONAL MEETINGS AND TO PARTICIPATE IN THOSE MEETINGS WHEREVER POSSIBLE;

32. AUTHORIZES THE SECRETARY GENERAL WITH THE PRIOR CONCURRENCE OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGET QUESTIONS AND SUBJECT TO THE FINANCIAL REGULATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS, TO ENTER INTO COMMITMENTS WHICH IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS RES. 31/93 OF 14 DECEMBER 1976 IT HAS DETERMINED ARE OF A PRESSING AND UNFORESEEABLE NATURE ARISING OUT OF THE EXTRAORDINARY

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33. DECIDES THAT ADEQUATE FINANCIAL RESOURCES SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ENSURE THE SUCCESSFUL PREPARATION OF THE CONFERENCE FOR THE LAST PART OF THE BIENNIUM 1978/79 AND THE FIRST PART OF THE BIENNIUM 1980/81, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE NECESSARY RESOURCES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. END OF UNCLASSIFIED SECTION. VANCE

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ENSURE THAT THE 1980 CONFERENCE BE AN ACTION-ORIENTED WORKING CONFERENCE, CONCENTRATING ON THE SUB-THEMES OF EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION AND HEALTH (AS APPROVED AT THE 27TH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN). THE EASTERN EUROPEAN GROUP WAS EQUALLY ADAMANT IN PUSHING FOR CONCENTRATION ON THE DECADE'S THEMES OF EQUALITY, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE, IN ORDER TO EMPHASIZE PEACE AND ELABORATE A DECLARATION ON THE PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN THE STRUGGLE TO STRENGTHEN INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY AND COMBAT COLONIALISM, RACISM, RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, FOREIGN AGGRESSION AND OCCUPATION AND ALL FORMS OF FOREIGN DOMINATION, AS DISCUSSED IN GA RES 32/142. THE

WESTERN GROUP WAS SUCCESSFUL IN PREVENTING THIS UNDESIRABLE DECLARATION FROM BEING INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA. THIS SUCCESS WAS DUE, IN NO SMALL MEASURE, TO ASSISTANCE FROM THE IRANIANS, WHO HAVE VISIONS OF A "DECLARATION OF TEHRAN", EMERGING FROM THE 1980 CONFERENCE. THEY DO NOT WISH TO BE SADDLED WITH A DECLARATION WHICH IS UNACCEPTABLE TO THE WEST, AS IS THE DECLARATION OF MEXICO, AND THE IRANIANS ARE, THEREFORE, THE STRONGEST ALLIES OF THE WESTERN GROUP IN KEEPING POLITICAL RHETORIC UNDER CONTROL.

10. COMPOSITION OF THE SECRETARIAT--

THE US STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF A UNIFIED SECRETARIAT AND SUBMITTED LANGUAGE TO THIS EFFECT, NOTING THAT THE SECRETARIAT SHOULD BE COMPOSED OF A SECGEN AND APPROPRIATE MEMBERS OF THE BRANCH AND ADDITIONAL ADEQUATE STAFF.

11. DISCUSSIONS OF THE COMPOSITION OF THE SECRETARIAT LED TO QUESTIONS BY THE DELEGATE OF IRAN WITH RESPECT TO WHETHER THE SECRETARIAT WOULD BE LOCATED IN NEW YORK OR VIENNA, BECAUSE FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS PROVIDED ESTIMATES FOR BOTH CITIES.

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12. BOURBONNIERE, UN SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL, DEALING WITH THE TRANSFER TO VIENNA, INSISTED THAT THE SECRETARIAT FOR THE 1980 CONFERENCE HAD NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO BE LOCATED IN VIENNA, IN VIEW OF THE IMPENDING MOVE OF THE SECRETARIAT.

HOWEVER, THIS VIEW WAS NOT SHARED BY DELEGATIONS PRESENT AT THE PREPCOM. THE DELEGATION OF IRAN PRESENTED A LENGTHY ARGUMENT STATING THAT THE SECRETARIAT FOR THE CONFERENCE WAS A NEW BODY WHICH WAS NOT NECESSARILY INCLUDED IN THE AGREEMENT FOR THE MOVE TO VIENNA AND THAT THE CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT REQUIRED CLOSE COORDINATION WITH OTHER SECTORS OF THE UN LOCATED IN NEW YORK. THIS VIEW WAS SUBSEQUENTLY SUPPORTED BY THE MAJORITY OF OTHER DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING THE US, UK, JAPAN, NORWAY AND ALL OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRY DELEGATES. THE DELEGATE OF NIGER WAS PARTICULARLY ADAMANT AND SENEGAL WENT SO FAR AS TO SAY THAT THE MOVE OF THE CENTER ITSELF SHOULD BE POSTPONED.

13. REGIONAL AND SECTORAL MEETINGS--

THE US DELEGATION STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE IT ATTACHED TO THE CONVENING OF REGIONAL MEETINGS PRIOR TO THE 1980 CONFERENCE IN ORDER TO ENSURE PARTICIPATION AT THE LOCAL LEVEL AND TO MAKE AN EFFECTIVE CONTRIBUTION TO THE WORLD CONFERENCE. ESCAP STRESSED THE NEED FOR BOTH STAFF AND BUDGETARY RESOURCES IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT THESE MEETINGS. THE SECRETARIAT MENTIONED SECTORAL MEETINGS IN WHICH THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES WOULD PARTICIPATE. THE UNESCO

DELEGATE STRESSED THE NEED FOR FURTHER FUNDING FROM THE UN REGULAR BUDGET IN ORDER TO CONVENE THE INTERNATIONAL MULTISECTORAL SEMINAR ON THE ROLE OF MASS MEDIA AND THE POSITION OF WOMEN, WHICH IT WAS ORGANIZING JOINTLY WITH THE CENTRE FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS IN MARCH 1979.

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14. UNIDO MENTIONED THE MEETING IT WAS PLANNING FOR NOVEMBER 1978 ON THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN INDUSTRIALIZATION IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THERE WAS NO OPPOSITION TO THE HOLDING OF REGIONAL MEETINGS, ALTHOUGH THE USSR EXPRESSED ITS OPPOSITION TO ANY FINANCING FROM THE REGULAR BUDGET.

15. THE US DELEGATION MADE CLEAR ITS SUPPORT FOR ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE 1980 WORLD CONFERENCE AND REGIONAL MEETINGS IN NO WAY IMPLIED APPROVAL OF THE SPECIFIC FINANCIAL ESTIMATES PRESENTED BY THE SECRETARIAT.

16. DOCUMENTATION--
DISCUSSION OF THE PREPARATION OF NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION FOR THE WORLD CONFERENCE ELICITED THE USUAL EAST/WEST DEBATE ON THE USE OF EXPERTS AND CONSULTANTS. THE USSR DELEGATE QUESTIONED THE COMPETENCE OF EXPERTS TO DEAL WITH

THE PREPARATION OF DOCUMENTATION WHICH SHE FELT SHOULD BE LEFT TO NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS. WESTERN AND OTHER DELEGATES PUSHED FOR THE USE OF CONSULTANTS TO ENSURE THAT DOCUMENTATION WILL BE AVAILABLE WELL IN ADVANCE OF THE CONFERENCE, AS WELL AS ENSURING THE COORDINATION OF REGIONAL AND SECTORAL DOCUMENTS. THE COMMITTEE FELT THAT SUCH REPORTS SHOULD BE ANALYTICAL, PRECISE AND ACTION-ORIENTED COVERING THE THREE OBJECTIVES OF THE UN DECADE WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON THE SUB-THEMES.

17. PUBLICITY--
THE PREPCOM DID NOT HAVE TIME TO CONSIDER THE SUBJECT OF PUBLICITY, BUT DECIDED THAT THE SECRETARIAT SHOULD PREPARE A DETAILED PROGRAM OF INFORMATION ACTIVITIES TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE ECOSOC AT THE RESUMED PART OF ITS SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 1978.

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18. PRECISE DATE FOR 1980 CONFERENCE--
THE IRANIAN DELEGATE IN DISCUSSING THE TIME SCHEDULE FOR DOCUMENTATION MENTIONED THE POSSIBILITY OF CHANGING THE CONFERENCE DATE FROM MAY 1980 TO MARCH 1980 AS THE MOST

SUITABLE TIME OF THE YEAR IN TEHERAN. SOME DELEGATES EXPRESSED A PREFERENCE FOR A LATER DATE, BUT NO FINAL DISCUSSION WAS AGREED UPON.

19. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED SECTION OF RES. A/CONF.94/PC/L.16

THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OF THE WORLD CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE FOR WOMEN, 1980, EQUALITY, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE.

20. RECOMMENDS TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL THE ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING DRAFT RESOLUTION:

21. THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL, HAVING CONSIDERED THE REPORT OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE ON ITS FIRST SESSION (A/CONF.94/),

22. RECOMMENDS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THE ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING DRAFT RESOLUTION:

23. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING ITS RESOLUTION 3520 (XXX), ON THE CONVENING OF THE WORLD CONFERENCE.

RECALLING ALSO ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2062 (LXII) OF 12 MAY 1977, BY WHICH IT WAS DECIDED TO ESTABLISH

A PREPARATORY COMMITTEE TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE SUBSTANTIVE AND ORGANIZATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE WORLD CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE FOR WOMEN, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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1980,

RECALLING ALL RELEVANT UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS ON SUBSTANTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASPECTS OF THE PREPARATORY WORK FOR THE CONFERENCE,

24. DECIDES THAT THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE CONFERENCE SHOULD BE AS FOLLOWS:

1. OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE
2. ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE BUREAU OF THE CONFERENCE
3. ADOPTION OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE
4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

5. ESTABLISHMENT OF MAIN COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATION
OF WORK

6. CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE CONFERENCE

(A) APPOINTMENT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

(B) REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

7. EFFECTS OF APARTHEID ON WOMEN IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

(A) APPOINTMENT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

(B) SPECIAL MEASURES FOR ASSISTANCE TO WOMEN IN
SOUTHERN AFRICA.

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8. REVIEW AND EVALUATION OF THE PROGRESS MADE AND
OBSTACLES ENCOUNTERED IN ATTAINING THE OBJECTIVES OF THE
DECADE FOR WOMEN: EQUALITY, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE AT
NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS, FROM 1975 TO
1980, IN KEEPING WITH THE WORLD PLAN OF ACTION.

(A) REVIEW AND EVALUATION OF PROGRESS MADE AND OBSTACLES
ENCOUNTERED AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL IN ATTAINING THE MINIMUM
OBJECTIVES SET FORTH IN PARAGRAPH 46 OF THE WORLD PLAN OF
ACTION.

(B) REVIEW AND EVALUATION OF REGIONAL AND GLOBAL PROGRAMMES
OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM OF ORGANIZATIONS AIMED AT

AT PROMOTING THE OBJECTIVES OF THE DECADE.

9. PROGRAMME FOR THE SECOND HALF OF THE DECADE FOR
WOMEN: EQUALITY, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE WITH THE AIM OF
IMPLEMENTING THE WORLD PLAN OF ACTION (1981-1985)

(A) NATIONAL STRATEGIES FOR WOMEN'S INTEGRATION IN
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON
THE SUB-THEME EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION AND HEALTH.

(I) PLANNING AND MONITORING

(II) NATIONAL MACHINERIES

10. REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL TARGETS AND STRATEGIES,
TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE SUB-THEME EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION
AND HEALTH.

10. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE

24. DECIDES THAT THE ORGANIZATION OF WORK SHOULD BE AS

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(A) THIRTEEN WORKING DAYS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THE
CONFERENCE

(B) APART FROM THE PLENARY, THERE WILL BE TWO MAIN COM-
MITTEES WITH INTERPRETATIONS IN 6 LANGUAGES

(C) THE GENERAL DEBATE, WHICH WILL BE HELD IN PLENARY, WILL
BE LIMITED TO 15 MINUTES PER SPEAKER

(D) THE NUMBER OF WORKING GROUPS REQUIRED WILL BE DECIDED
UPON BY THE CONFERENCE, WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT ONE
WORKING GROUP WILL HAVE INTERPRETATION.

25. WITH RESPECT TO DOCUMENTATION:

(A) REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO ENSURE THAT THE
DOCUMENTATION FOR THE CONFERENCE WILL BE MADE
AVAILABLE AND DISTRIBUTED SIX WEEKS' IN ADVANCE OF THE
CONVENING OF THE CONFERENCE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH UNITED
NATIONS PRACTICE;

(B) AUTHORIZES THE SECRETARY-GENERAL IN PREPARING THE
SUBSTANTIVE DOCUMENTATION FOR THE CONFERENCE, TO MAKE USE
AS NECESSARY OF THE EXPERTISE OF CONSULTANTS;

(C) RECOMMENDS TO THE EXECUTIVE HEADS OF THE SPECIALIZED

AGENCIES CONCERNED, AND OTHER RELEVANT PARTS OF THE UNITED
NATIONS SYSTEM TO PREPARE IN A CO-ORDINATED MANNER
REPORTS EVALUATING PROGRESS IN SUBSTANTIVE AREAS OF THE
DECADE;

(D) REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO ENSURE THAT DUE
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RATIONALIZATION OF METHODS IN THE PREPARATION OF THE
QUESTIONNAIRE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WORLD PLAN OF
ACTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH ECOSOC RESOLUTION 2060 (LXII)
AND OF THE FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS EMANATING FROM ALL
PREPARATORY WORK FOR THE CONFERENCE;

(E) REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO ENSURE THAT THE
CONFERENCE WILL HAVE AT ITS DISPOSAL THE DOCUMENTATION
REFERRED TO IN DOCUMENT E/CN.6/610 AS WELL AS IN THE

RELEVANT UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS;

26. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO INVITE:

(A) ALL STATES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONFERENCE;

(B) REPRESENTATIVES OF ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE RECEIVED A STANDING INVITATION FROM THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SESSIONS AND THE WORK OF ALL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES CONVENED UNDER ITS AUSPICES IN THE CAPACITY OF OBSERVERS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3237 (XXIX) OF 22 NOVEMBER 1974;

(C) REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS RECOGNIZED BY THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY IN THE CAPACITY OF OBSERVERS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3280 (XXIX);

(D) THE UNITED NATIONS COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONFERENCE IN ITS CAPACITY AS THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY FOR NAMIBIA;

(E) THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY, AS WELL AS INTERESTED ORGANIZATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS, TO BE REPRESENTED AT THE CONFERENCE;

(F) INTERESTED INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS TO BE REPRESENTED BY OBSERVERS;
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(G) INTERESTED NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN CONSULTATIVE STATUS WITH THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL TO BE REPRESENTED BY OBSERVERS WHO WOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO

SUBMIT WRITTEN STATEMENTS. THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE CONFERENCE AFTER DUE CONSIDERATION WITH NGO'S CONCERNED WILL PROVIDE A LIST OF THE NGO'S WHICH MAY ADDRESS THE CONFERENCE ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE NUMBER WILL BE LIMITED.

27. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO APPOINT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE A SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR THE WORLD CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE FOR WOMEN AT THE LEVEL OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY-GENERAL, THE SECRETARY-GENERAL SHOULD COME FROM OUTSIDE THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM AND BE FROM A DEVELOPING COUNTRY;

28. THE SECRETARY GENERAL WHICH WILL BE LOCATED IN NEW YORK, SHALL BE COMPOSED OF A FULL TIME SECRETARY GENERAL AS WELL AS APPROPRIATE MEMBERS OF THE BRANCH FOR EQUALITY FOR WOMEN OF THE CENTRE FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS AND NECESSARY ADDITIONAL STAFF FOR

THE PREPARATION OF THE CONFERENCE. THE SECRETARIAT WILL WORK IN CLOSE COOPERATION WITH THE CENTRE AS A WHOLE, WHICH IS THE FOCAL POINT FOR THE ACTIVITIES OF THE DECADE FOR WOMEN.

29. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO INVITE THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS TO CONVENE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE IN 1979 PREPARATORY MEETINGS AND SEMINARS IN SUPPORT OF THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE 1980 CONFERENCE;

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30. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO INVITE THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND OTHER RELEVANT PARTS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN THE PREPARATION OF THE REGIONAL MEETINGS; AND CONVENE SECTORAL MEETINGS AS APPROPRIATE.

31. INVITES THE REGIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE REGIONAL MEETINGS AND TO PARTICIPATE IN THOSE MEETINGS WHEREVER POSSIBLE;

32. AUTHORIZES THE SECRETARY GENERAL WITH THE PRIOR CONCURRENCE OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGET QUESTIONS AND SUBJECT TO THE FINANCIAL REGULATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS, TO ENTER INTO COMMITMENTS WHICH IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS RES. 31/93 OF 14 DECEMBER 1976 IT HAS DETERMINED ARE OF A PRESSING AND UNFORESEEABLE NATURE ARISING OUT OF THE EXTRAORDINARY

EXPENSES FOR THE WORLD CONFERENCE FOR THE UN DECADE FOR WOMEN RESULTING FROM THE DECISIONS IN PARAGRAPHS 2-8 OF THE DECISION AND BASED ON PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES APPEARING IN ANNEXES OF THE REPORT OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE AND ADDENDA.

33. DECIDES THAT ADEQUATE FINANCIAL RESOURCES SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ENSURE THE SUCCESSFUL PREPARATION OF THE CONFERENCE FOR THE LAST PART OF THE BIENNIUM 1978/79 AND THE FIRST PART OF THE BIENNIUM 1980/81, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE NECESSARY RESOURCES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. END OF UNCLASSIFIED SECTION. VANCE UNQTE CHRISTOPHER

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